

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE PAUL J. SMITH, JR. MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the dedication of the Paul J. Smith, Jr. Municipal Complex in Union Beach, New Jersey. I join with borough officials, employees, and residents in celebrating the completion of this project as well as the life and service of Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr. Mayor Paul Smith passed away on April 30, 2020 after a life filled with numerous professional and personal accomplishments. Mayor Smith left an indelible mark on the Union Beach community, and the dedication of the municipal complex is a fitting tribute to his contributions.

A dedicated public servant, Mayor Smith served on the Borough Council for nearly 25 years before being elected mayor in 2007. Throughout his tenure, Mayor Smith promoted community-building, townwide improvements, and transparency. In the wake of Superstorm Sandy, Mayor Smith led recovery efforts with determination and collaboration, lending his voice and experience on President Obama's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force.

Not only a respected government official, Mayor Smith was also an active member of the greater community. He began the town's recreation basketball program and girls' softball league, coached, and served as commissioner of the Union Beach-Keyport Baseball Little League. He was also a long-time employee of International Flavors and Fragrances of neighboring Hazlet, New Jersey. Mayor Smith was deeply committed to giving back to his community and made an impact on everyone he met.

Begun under Mayor Smith's leadership, the newly renovated and expanded Municipal Complex will improve safety and accessibility for employees and visitors and accommodate the growing needs of the borough. I commend borough leadership for its unwavering commitment to the project and to meeting the needs of the residents.

Madam Speaker, once again, it is my honor to commemorate today's dedication ceremony in memory of Paul J. Smith, Jr.

HONORING WALLACE JOHNSON

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a special citizen of our great nation, Judge Wallace "Wally" Johnson. Mr. Johnson lives in Montgomery County and he serves the people of that wonderful county as Judge-Executive.

Judge Johnson graduated from Montgomery County High School in 1972 and the KY

School of Mortuary Science in 1980. He worked in a funeral home from 1974 to 2008. In 1989 he was elected Coroner for Montgomery County where he served until 2010. In 2010 he was elected to lead the people of Montgomery County as Judge-Executive. Since taking office, he has served on many important boards and commissions. He has worked hard to improve the lives of Montgomery Countians by developing economic opportunities, improving healthcare, improving existing infrastructure, and keeping the community safe. After many years of service, Judge Johnson is retiring. He is to be commended for his strong leadership for the people of Montgomery County.

It is my honor to recognize this amazing public servant and thank him for his many years of service to the citizens of Montgomery County. Judge Wally Johnson's leadership, his dedication, and his love of community are greatly appreciated.

RECOGNIZING JACK MANGURTEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack Mangurten, a beloved member of our community on the occasion of his 100th birthday, which he will celebrate on December 10th. Jack is a Holocaust Survivor, surviving four Nazi extermination camps, and, importantly, is the father of three children, seven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Mangurten, known affectionately as "Papa Jack" by his family, was born to Baruch and Bashah in Lagov, Poland in 1922. He had five siblings: Sarah, Melvin, Mordechai, Samuel and Barrel Tragically, his father was murdered in 1935 and his mother was forced to move the family to Keltz, where they struggled to make ends meet.

In 1939, the Nazi German regime invaded Poland and World War II broke out in Europe. Over the next six years, Jack would live through the greatest crime against humanity—the Shoah, or Holocaust. Hitler's death machine killed more than 11 million people, including 6 million Jews. Jack's brother Melvin had left Poland for America before the war, but tragically, none of his other relatives survived the Shoah.

Young Jack was transited to four different concentration camps throughout the war: Skarzysko, Buchenwald, Schlieben, and ultimately Terezin, or Theresienstadt. On May 9, 1945, Jack and 30,000 surviving prisoners at Terezin were liberated by the Soviet army.

Soon thereafter, Jack found himself at a displaced person's camp after the war. It was at this camp that he met the love of his life, Lily, to whom he was married for 72 years.

Jack was able to move to the United States thanks to a sponsorship by relatives in Chi-

cago, including his brother Melvin. Despite not knowing English and arriving penniless, he and his wife built a wonderful life and raised a lovely family. Jack worked as a tailor, ultimately opening his own shop on Touhy and Ridge in Chicago where he worked for 40 years.

Jack is an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook. As a Kohan, he is honored to be called to the Torah for the first blessing every Rosh Hashanah.

To this day, Jack enjoys keeping up with current events, especially news out of Israel, and spending time with his three children and their spouses (Barbara and Michael Zaransky, Shel and Nancy Mangurten, Irv and Linda Mangurten), grandchildren (Brad married to Jamie, Karen married to Michael, Erin married to Vince, Gayle married to Matt, Lindsay married to Eric, Lisa married to Daniel, and Lauren married to Corey) and great-grandchildren (Livia, Sidney, Maggie, Jude, Eli, Theo, Estee, Bernie, Simon, Owen, Leah, Cameron, Colby, Chance, Lily and Saide).

The Tenth District of Illinois, and the entire Nation are proud to wish Jack a Happy 100th Birthday. And it is my great honor and privilege to celebrate his life and his family, and to recognize his amazing life story.

HONORING CHEF FERNANDO OLEA, RECIPIENT OF THE 2022 JAMES BEARD AWARD FOR BEST SOUTHWEST CHEF

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Chef Fernando Olea of Santa Fe, New Mexico, for his receipt of the James Beard "Best Chef of the Southwest" Award.

Chef Olea first graced Santa Fe with his culinary talents back in 1991. Donning his signature cowboy hat, he infuses his Mexican dishes—particularly his New Mexican moles—at his current restaurant, Sazón, with fresh and local ingredients. He created a New Mexican mole in 2009 in celebration of the 400-year anniversary of the founding of Santa Fe. The recent James Beard recognition is just the latest accolade in his career. He also earned the National Restaurant Association's Faces of Diversity Award and was recognized by former First Lady, Michelle Obama, for his involvement in Cooking with Kids. He even served as President of the Santa Fe Wine and Chile Fiesta a few years back.

Recent recognitions have been 2019 Restaurateur of the Year by the New Mexico Restaurant Association; past three years named in Trip Advisor's Top 10 Best Fine Dining Restaurants in the U.S.; and the AAA 4 Diamond Award to Sazón. He is also quick to say these awards are not for him; they are his gifts to Santa Fe, as he works toward changing the

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usual perception of what people think of food in New Mexico. He dreams of seeing Santa Fe become a true culinary destination on the same level where the City is always listed as one of the top ten visitor destinations in the country and top three art destinations with New York and Los Angeles.

Chef Olea's eyes light up the most, though, when he speaks about his experiences beyond his renowned cuisine. Along with the New Mexico Restaurant Association, he helps students obtain scholarships. Through Cooking with Kids, he teaches families to make fun and nutritious meals. He also emphasizes his work with the Children's Cancer Foundation. Simply put, he strives to improve the quality of life for his entire community.

If you ask Chef Olea what he is most proud of, he'll reply that it is how Santa Fe and New Mexico have adopted him. If you ask me, we are the ones who are so lucky he has chosen to make our community home.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BETSY MERRY

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, I rise in celebration of the life of Betsy Merry, who passed away on May 23, 2022.

Born in Salem, Massachusetts and raised in Peabody, Betsy was a lifelong resident of the North Shore and a passionate public citizen. After beginning her career as a special education teacher at Salem High School, Betsy entered residential real estate and established Merry Fox Realty in 2008. Merry Fox, which she ran with her longtime business partner Dan Fox, has since become Salem's pre-eminent realty office.

As a beloved member of her community, Betsy was devoted to charitable organizations and civic institutions. She served as the president of the Salem YMCA, a trustee of the Essex Institute, and later a member of the Board of Overseers of the Peabody Essex Museum. She sat on the boards of Catholic Charities, Historic Salem, Inc., Hamilton Hall, YMCA of the North Shore, the Salem Partnership, and the Salem Pantry, and was a trustee of the Samaritan Charitable Society of Salem. Betsy was a keen fundraiser and was recognized for Outstanding Fundraising Achievement for Mass General's Caring for a Cure Boston Marathon team.

In recognition of her extraordinary achievements, Betsy received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Yankee Clipper Council of Boy Scouts of America and the Citizen of the Year from the City of Salem, and was nominated to be the Salem Chamber of Commerce's 2021 Business Woman of the Year. This June, she will posthumously receive the Commonwealth Heroine award, which honors extraordinary women from across Massachusetts who enrich their communities through their acts of service and dedication to civic life.

Most importantly, Betsy was devoted to her family. She leaves behind her husband Peter Merry, son Ian Merry, and daughter Kate Walters, as well as three grandchildren, Peter, Rosemary, and Eve Walters. The North Shore community has lost a remarkable community

leader, accomplished businesswoman, and cherished friend. Please join me in honoring her memory.

HONORING LARRY H. FOXWORTHY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a special citizen of our great nation, Judge Larry H. Foxworthy. Mr. Foxworthy lives in Fleming County, where he and his wife are lifelong residents. He serves the people of that wonderful county as Judge-Executive.

Judge Foxworthy has served in this important leadership role since 2003. Since taking office, he has served on many important boards and commissions. These include Buffalo Trace Area Development District (Chairman), KCJEA Executive Board Member, Fleming County Board of Health, Fleming-Mason Airport Board of Directors, Fleming County Extension Service Board of Directors, Fleming County Hospital Board of Directors, Fleming County Industrial Authority Board of Directors, and the Kentucky Association of Counties Board of Directors.

After nearly 20 years of service, Judge Foxworthy is retiring. During his time in office, there has been significant growth in business opportunities in Fleming County. The county has made needed updates to their book department and to the county's equipment. Judge Foxworthy found that working together as a team was important in the successful governance of Fleming County.

It is my honor to recognize this amazing public servant and thank him for his many years of service to the citizens of Fleming County. Judge Foxworthy's leadership, his dedication, and his love of community are greatly appreciated.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TOY FOR JOY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to the Springfield, Massachusetts Citadel of the Salvation Army, Republican Newspaper, El Pueblo Latino, MassLive, Reminders Publishing, and the Westfield News on celebrating the 100th anniversary of their Toy for Joy campaign. This milestone achievement deserves the highest praise for the hard work and dedication of the organization's board, staff, and everyone who has contributed to Toy for Joy's success.

Founded in the early 1920s by the Bowles family, the Toy for Joy program provides toys and books to children in need in throughout Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. Through their hard work, and through the generosity of the region's residents, school children, civic groups, businesses, and others, they have brought toys, books, and happiness to thousands of children.

Over the past century, Toy for Joy has sought to fulfill its mission of bringing Christ-

mas joy to children who might otherwise miss out on the thrill of receiving gifts for the holidays. Toy for Joy has been sustained by the spirit of giving through periods of war, economic depression, and health crises, benefiting thousands of families when they have needed it most. The past few years, in particular, have highlighted the need for the support and connection gained through outstanding efforts such as Toy for Joy.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Salvation Army, Republican Newspaper, El Pueblo Latino, MassLive, Reminders Publishing, and the Westfield News again on celebrating the 100th anniversary of their Toy for Joy program and thank them for continuing to provide support to those in need over the holiday season. Toy for Joy is a cherished initiative in Massachusetts' First District, and I wish it many more years of success and prosperity.

HONORING MAYOR CHRIS CANNING

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Chris Canning of Calistoga, California on his retirement from public service.

Mr. Canning is a native of Beacon Falls, Connecticut and a graduate of Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Sociology, he joined Nestlé Waters as a Sales Manager before being promoted to International Customer Development Director.

In 2006, Mr. Canning moved from Paris to Calistoga when Nestlé appointed him Director of Calistoga Mineral Water. Following nearly four years in this position, Mr. Canning left Nestlé to begin a career in public service. In 2010, Mr. Canning became the Executive Director for the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center. Soon after, he was elected to the City Council and in 2012 was elected as Mayor. During his tenure, Mr. Canning led Calistoga through a recession, the COVID-19 pandemic, four wildfires and multiple evacuations. His decade as mayor is the longest since at least the 1960's.

As Mayor, Mr. Canning brought countless infrastructure improvements to Calistoga including major repairs to the sewer system and sidewalks. He helped create a pedestrian bridge to Pioneer Park, invested in children's programs, developed local parks and enhanced social services. Because of his hard work and determination, county agency representatives are now located in Calistoga to better support children and seniors. Mr. Canning has also led efforts to increase affordable housing, acquire a fairgrounds and reduce the city's impact on the environment.

Madam Speaker, we thank Mayor Canning for his selfless service and commitment to the people of Calistoga. His efforts have made Calistoga a more welcoming, supportive, green and beautiful city. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.